



# Burning Information

## **BURNING PERMITS**

- In all instances when a burning permit is issued, a competent adult shall have the fire under constant supervision and ensure that equipment for fire control is readily available. (i.e. a charged garden hose with a spray nozzle)
- The Fire Chief, at his discretion, may issue a burning permit for after hours when special circumstances arise.
- All burning permits are subject to restrictions, fines, and or cancellation by the Fire Chief at any time.

## **ANNUAL PERMITS**

### **FIRES UP TO 3' X 3' X 3'**

A permit must be requested and a permit fee of \$25.00 annually is required for all open 3' x 3' x 3' fires, incinerators, and outdoor fire appliances.

- An open fire, 3' x 3' x 3', shall be located at least 25' from any structures or combustibles.

### **INCINERATORS**

- An incinerator shall be maintained in a condition that provides for the proper combustion of any material being burned. Incinerators need to be emptied on a regular basis ensuring that good combustion of materials can take place preventing nuisance smoke.
- Incinerators, whether metal, stone, or brick, shall have a screen or grill with mesh less than 3/8" to restrict any sparks or flying debris.
- An incinerator shall be located at least 10' from any structures or combustibles.

### **OUTDOOR FIRE APPLIANCES**

- All outdoor fire appliances are to be used specifically for cooking and quiet enjoyment, providing that the fire is contained in a device or fixture designed for such purposes and the fire is only burning clean and dry wood or charcoal, not burning yard or household debris.
- An outdoor fire appliances shall be located no closer than 10' from any building, and no closer than 25' from the property line.
- **The allowed hours of operation are between sunrise and 10:00 p.m. daily.**
- There shall be no use of any outdoor fire appliance when the Provincial fire ban is in effect. Please check the Fire Department website or call the Fire Department for updates when conditions are dry.

### **FIRES UP TO 10' x 10' x 10'**

A permit must be requested and a permit fee of \$35.00 annually is required for all open fires up to 10'x10'x10'.

- All piles up to 10' x 10' x 10' must be a minimum 25' from a property line and 50' from structures.

### **MACHINE STACK PILE – LARGER THAN 10' X 10'**

A permit must be requested and a permit fee up to \$200.00 will be charged for each pile.

- All piles larger than 10' x 10' x 10' must be a minimum 50' from a property line and 100' from structures.
- Prior to lighting, you must ensure the **Provincial Atmospheric Venting Index** is rated GOOD on the day of burning by checking the Fire Department website at [www.northsaanichfire.ca](http://www.northsaanichfire.ca) .

## **PROHIBITED BURNING MATERIALS**

Asphalt Products	Biomedical Waste	All Leaves	Domestic Waste
Dry Wall	Flammable Liquids	Manure	Fuel & Lubricant Containers
Paint	All Plastics	Mattresses, Couches	Rubber
Green Grass	Tar Paper	Tires	Treated Lumber

## **BURNING TIMES**

- Open air burning shall only take place on the first and third consecutive Thursday, Friday, and Saturday **during the burning season** from **sunrise to sunset**.
- No burning is allowed in the Dean Park area located west of East Saanich Road, south of Forest Park Drive (both sides, including Texada Terrace) to the southern border of the District with the exception of outdoor appliances.

## **SMOKE**

- No person shall cause, or allow the emission of smoke from a solid fuel burning device, or an open fire, which create large thick amounts of smoke. Violators will be progressively penalized restricting their days of burning and or revoking their permits if warranted by the Fire Chief.
- Apart from first lighting the fire or when the fire is re-stoked, the fire shall burn as hot as possible with good combustion and create the least amount of smoke.
- All fires should be burnt in the shortest time frame as possible, with consideration of the surrounding residents.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING**

The Municipal Green Waste Drop-off, located on Littlewood Road, behind the Legion on Mills Road, will be open the first and third Saturday and the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This program is for properties located in North Saanich to drop off burnable materials including grass and garden clippings. Fees are in effect. Please see the website for current rates. Driver's licences will be checked to verify residency. Please visit [www.northsaanich.ca](http://www.northsaanich.ca) for a complete schedule.

In addition to the municipal drop-off being available, local companies including DL's Bins and Recycling Centre, Peninsula Landscape Supplies, Ellice Recycling, and Hartland Yard and Garden Waste will receive yard materials at a cost.

**Fire Department after hours non-emergency Duty Officer.....1-877-537-6725**

If you require any further information on the burning regulations in the District of North Saanich, such as burn site areas or incinerator inspections, please do not hesitate to call the fire department or visit our website at:

[www.northsaanichfire.ca](http://www.northsaanichfire.ca)

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